

REMARKS

Claims 2-9, 11-15 and 17-23 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 2-3, 7 and 21 are amended and claim 1 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office Action's indication that claims 8-9, 11-15 and 17-20 are allowed and that claims 3-6 contain allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, allowable dependent claim 3 is rewritten into independent form. Independent claim 21 is also amended to include features similar to those in allowable dependent claim 3. Thus, each of independent claims 3 and 21 defines patentable subject matter.

U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0056123 to Hsieh does not teach or suggest the features of each of independent claims 3 and 21. For example, Hsieh does not teach or suggest that the retry SMI signal generated at the prescribed intervals is one of a watchdog timer SMI signal and an embedded control SMI signal to retry the CPU speed transition operation, as recited in independent claim 3. Further, Hsieh does not teach or suggest the computer system to cancel the CPU speed transition operation when the bus master device is in the active state and generate an event at predetermined intervals, wherein the generated event is one of a watchdog timer SMI signal and an embedded control SMI signal to retry the CPU speed transition operation. For at least the reasons set forth above, each of independent claims 3 and 21 defines patentable subject matter.

Each of the independent claims defines patentable subject matter. Each of the dependent claims depends from one of the independent claims and therefore defines patentable subject

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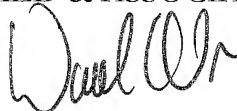
matter at least for this reason. In addition, the dependent claims recite features that further and independently distinguish over the applied references.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 2-9, 11-15 and 17-23 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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